

In the Claims:

Please amend Claim 24 to read as shown below.

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1-23. (Previously Canceled)

24. (Currently Amended) A tool for creating a mandrel having a desired elliptical shape, comprising:

a tool body having a profile that approximates the desired elliptical shape, said profile comprising comprises a circular-shaped portion that approximates a circular portion of the desired elliptical shape and a plurality of facets disposed adjacent to said circular-shaped portion, each facet approximating a portion of the desired elliptical shape.

25. (Original) The tool according to Claim 24, wherein said plurality of facets comprises a first pair of corresponding facets separately disposed on opposite ends of said circular-shaped portion.

26. (Original) The tool according to Claim 25, wherein said plurality of facets further comprises a second pair of corresponding facets separately disposed adjacent to a respective one of the first pair of corresponding facets.

27. (Original) The tool according to Claim 24, wherein said circular-shaped portion and said plurality of facets comprise diamond.

28. (Original) The tool according to Claim 24, wherein the elliptical shape is larger than the desired elliptical shape to compensate for a protective surface that will be placed on the mandrel after being created by said tool.